

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Paragraphs [0008], [0009], [0010], [0026] and [0028] have been amended as follows:

[0008] ~~It is therefore an object of the~~ The present invention ~~to provide the~~ provides a floor structure of a vehicle, which can ensure ~~the safety~~ for a passenger in the event of frontal crash.

[0009] To attain the ~~above object~~ foregoing, there is provided a floor structure of a vehicle which comprises: a toe board raised from a front end of a floor panel in the vehicle; a pad member extended on the floor panel from a position in a vicinity of a lower end of the toe board toward a rear of the vehicle; a restricting member provided behind the pad member, for restricting movement of the pad member toward the rear of the vehicle; a seat disposed ~~in a~~ in the vicinity of the restricting member; and a fragile part provided in the pad member and in front of the restricting member in the vehicle, the fragile part being located ~~in a~~ in the vicinity of the seat.

[0010] The nature of this invention, as well as other ~~objects~~ features and advantages thereof, will be explained in the following with reference to the accompanying drawings, in

which like reference ~~character~~ characters designate the same or similar parts throughout the figures and wherein:

[0026] Thus, the carpet pad 18 is buckled at a location close to the seat 30 and remote rearward from the passenger's legs, and this prevents the buckled carpet pad 18 from interfering with the passenger's legs. As a result, the passenger's ankles can slide rearward at a predetermined angle in the direction of the length of the vehicle without being bent rearward and locked. It should be noted that in the ~~carped~~ carpet pad 18, the fragile part 19 is located behind the toe board 12 by a predetermined distance such that the fragile part 19 never inhibits the rearward movement of the passenger's ankles (heels) in the direction of the length of the vehicle.

[0028] Therefore, in the event of frontal crash, when impact is input to the toe board 12, the load thereof is transmitted to the carpet pad 18 via the ECU 14 and the mounting bracket 15, and the carpet pad 18 is buckled at the fragile part 19 thereof, so that the buckled carpet pad 18 can be surely be prevented from interfering with the passenger's legs. As a result, the passenger's legs move rearward, and the passenger's ankles can be prevented from being ~~bend~~ bent rearward and locked. Therefore, the safety for the passenger

can be ensured in the event of crash with a relatively simple structure.